

**STATE/USEPA TMDL Forum:  
Building State Capacity in Region V, VI, and VII States  
Austin, Texas April 18-20, 2001**

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*Objective: States and USEPA will discuss major issues they face at this time regarding TMDL development and approval. They will share lessons learned and consider measures that can be taken to improve and expedite the process. Action items for USEPA Headquarters, USEPA Regions V, VI and VII and States will be agreed to. Related issues in the NPDES Permit and other Water Programs will be addressed.*

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 2001**  
Bass Lecture Hall, LBJ School of Public Affairs

**1:00 PM**      **INTRODUCTION & DISCUSSION OF FORUM OBJECTIVES**  
Robbi Savage, ASIWPCA Executive Director  
Clyde Bolmfalk, Region VI ASIWPCA Board Member, Program Specialist  
Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission

**Participant Introductions**

**1:30 PM**      **KEYNOTE**  
Moderator: David Eaton, Director, Center for Environmental Resource Management in Latin America, The University of Texas at Austin

◆ **TMDLs Are Not a 4 Letter Word: What States and USEPA can do to Forge Ahead**  
Jon Craig, ASIWPCA President, Director of Oklahoma Water Quality Division  
Chuck Sutfin, Director, USEPA Assessment and Watershed Protection Division

**2:15 PM**      **ANATOMY OF AN ACCEPTABLE TMDL:**

*USEPA and the States will examine issues of current concern regarding the development of TMDLs in 4 critical areas. They will discuss several different TMDLs and USEPA's threshold considerations in taking approval action. The presentations will be followed by dialogue among participants. Related topical issues States have identified will also be introduced by discussion leaders and addressed by the group.*

## **I. Target Setting: Translating WQS into Daily Loads**

Moderator: Bruce Yurdin, Section Manager, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

- **Lessons Learned, Opportunities and Pitfalls:**  
Dealing with Sediment, David Hogge (NM)  
Upper Little Miami River, Trinka Mount (OH)
- **Discussion of How These TMDLs Measured Up Re: Approval**  
New Mexico and Willie Lane, USEPA Region VI  
Ohio and Dave Werbach, USEPA Region V

### ***Group Dialogue***

#### ***Discussion of Related Topical Issues:***

- *Dealing with mass vs. concentration (AR to introduce)*
- *Meaningful approaches to dealing with ubiquitous problems (e.g., bacteria violations) that are generally not controllable (NE to introduce)*

*USEPA HQ Resource Available: Bob Wayland, Chuck Sutfin, Francoise Brasier &  
Mike Haire, USEPA Office of Wetlands Oceans and Watersheds  
Mimi Dannel, USEPA Office of Science and Technology*

**5:00 PM**      **LITIGATION UPDATE:** Roundtable Discussion  
Hazel Groman, TMDL Litigation Coordinator, USEPA HQ

**5:30 PM**      **ADJOURN**

**6:00 PM**      **RECEPTION AT THE LYNDON B. JOHNSON PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY**

## **THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 2001**

Bass Lecture Hall, LBJ School of Public Affairs

**7:30 AM**      **CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST** [Foyer outside Bass Lecture Hall]

**8:00 AM**      **ANATOMY OF AN ACCEPTABLE TMDL** (continued)

## **II. Making Allocations for NPS**

Moderator: Tom Stiles, Chief of Planning, Kansas Bureau of Water

- **Lessons Learned, Opportunities and Pitfalls:**  
The Illinois Approach - Bruce Yurdin (IL)  
  
Little Arkansas River: Allocation for Bacteria, Siltation and Nutrients -  
Tom Stiles (KS)

- **Discussion of How the TMDLs Measured Up Re: Approval**  
Illinois and Donna Keclik, USEPA Region V  
Kansas and Jeannette Schafer, USEPA Region VII

*USEPA HQ Resources Available: Bob Wayland, Chuck Sutfin, Francoise Brasier & Mike Haire, USEPA Office of Wetlands Oceans and Watersheds*

***Group Dialogue***

***Topical issues include:***

- *Linking pollutants sources (KA to introduce)*
- *Effective approaches to implementation:*
  - *The role of 319 (NM)*
  - *Use of intermediaries to address pollution on private property (IL to introduce)*
- *Dealing with high flow situations (e.g., % reductions vs. loadings) (NE to introduce)*

**10:30 AM III. Point Source Allocation and Margin of Safety**

Moderator: Trinka Mount, Ohio Division of Water

- **Lessons Learned, Opportunities and Pitfalls:**  
Upper Huron River Watershed - Mike Alexander (MI)  
The Minnesota River Basin - Howard Markus (MN)
- **Discussion of How the TMDLs Measure Up Re: Approval**  
Michigan and Dave Werbach, USEPA Region V  
Minnesota and Donna Keclik, USEPA Region V

***Group Dialogue***

***Topical issues include:***

- *Permitting Implications (LA to Introduce)*

*USEPA HQ Resources Available: Bob Wayland, Chuck Sutfin, Francoise Brasier & Mike Haire, USEPA Office of Wetlands Oceans and Watersheds  
Rob Wood, USEPA Office of Wastewater Management*

**12:30 PM LUNCH** (Room 3102 in the Thompson Center adjacent to the LBJ School)

**Evolution of the Clean Water Act –  
Transition from Programmatic to a Watershed Perspective**

Robert J. Huston, Chairman, Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission

1:30 PM

#### **IV. Effective Involvement and Public Support for Implementation**

Moderator: Sharon Clifford, TMDL Coordinator, Missouri Dept. of Natural Resources

- **Lessons Learned, Opportunities and Pitfalls:**  
The Missouri Approach and James River TMDL - Sharon Clifford (MO)  
Governor Bond Lake - Bruce Yurdin (IL)
  
- **Discussion of How These TMDLs Measured Up Re: Approval**  
Missouri & Jeanette Schaefer, Region VII  
Illinois and Donna Keclik, USEPA Region V

3:10 PM

#### ***Group Dialogue***

##### ***Topical issues include:***

- *Use of templates to promote understanding (IA to introduce)*
- *Dealing with the public's fear of the unknown: seizing the opportunity for locally lead solutions (AR to introduce)*

*USEPA HQ Resources Available: Bob Wayland, Chuck Sutfin & Mike Haire,  
USEPA Office of Wetlands Oceans and Watersheds*

3:30 PM

#### **GETTING CREATIVE**

Moderator: Robbi Savage, ASIWPCA

- ◆ Addressing Stormwater:  
Discussion Leader: David Hogge (NM)
  
- ◆ USEPA TMDL Development:  
Discussion Leader: Barbara Romanowsky (LA)
  
- ◆ Effective Approaches to Implementation Plans: Need for Flexibility:  
Discussion Leader: Mel Vargas (TX)
  
- ◆ Use of Volunteer Monitoring:  
Discussion Leader: Steven Hubbell, Lower Colorado River Authority
  
- ◆ Improving Data Use and Utility:  
Discussion Leader: Daniel Sheer, President Water Resources Management, Inc

5:30 PM

**ADJOURN**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 2001**

Room 2102 In The Thompson Center [adjacent to LBJ School]

**8:00 AM      CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**

**8:30 AM      MOVING BEYOND STATE BOUNDARIES**

Presentations will be followed by roundtable discussion

- ◆ **State to State:** Jason Heath, ORSANCO
- ◆ **State to Tribal:** Walt Poole, America's Clean Water Foundation

**9:30 AM      GROUP REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF PARKING LOT ISSUES**

Discussion Leader: Robbi Savage, ASIWPCA  
(As identified in previous days' discussion)

**10:30 AM    REFINING THE NATIONAL PROGRAM & GUIDANCE: PRIORITIES**

Moderator: Jon Craig (OK), ASIWPCA President

- Participants Identify Options for Revising and Enhancing the 1992 TMDL Regulation and Guidance to Address National and State Concerns
- Group Discussion and Identification of Action Items & Next Steps

**12:30 PM    ADJOURN**